

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A purified polypeptide, consisting essentially of comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- _____ a) sequence SEQ ID No. 2;
- _____ b) sequence SEQ ID No. 4;
- _____ c) sequence SEQ ID No. 6;
- _____ d) sequence SEQ ID No. 8;
- _____ e) sequence SEQ ID No. 10;
- _____ f) sequence SEQ ID No. 13;
- _____ g) sequence SEQ ID No. 15;
- _____ h) sequence SEQ ID No. 17; and
- _____ i) sequence SEQ ID No. 19.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Currently amended): A purified polypeptide according to Claim 1 comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of ~~SEQ ID No. 2 from residue 110 to residue 310, SEQ ID No. 6 from residue 110 to residue 310, and SEQ ID No. 8 from residue 60 to residue 260~~.

Claim 4. (Previously amended): A polypeptide according to Claim 1, which is produced from an alternative splicing of messenger RNA of a gene coding for said polypeptide.

Claim 5. (Previously amended): A polypeptide according to Claim 1 that is a recombinant polypeptide produced in the form of a fusion protein.

Claims 6-39 (cancelled)

Claim 40. (new): A composition comprising SEQ ID NO:6 and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.